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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW WHETHER THE STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD SHOULD BE GIVEN VOTING RIGHTS.

1 WHEREAS, section 302A-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 requires the State Student Council to select a nonvoting public
3 high school student representative to the Board of Education;
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6 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 834, Regular Session of 2015, (S.B. 834)
7 amends section 302A-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding one
8 member who is a Hawaii public high school student to the Board
9 of Education membership and repealing the requirement that the
10 State Student Council select a nonvoting student representative;
11 and

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13 WHEREAS, testimony to the Senate Committee on Education in
14 support of S.B. 834 noted that the student representative on the
15 Board of Education provides the Board with a unique perspective
16 and gives the student population some representation on the
17 Board; and

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19 WHEREAS, the student population may benefit from having a
20 representative on the Board of Education whose input is equally
21 weighted as other members of the Board; and

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23 WHEREAS, neither the Department of Education, nor Board of
24 Education submitted testimony to the Senate Committee on
25 Education on S.B. 834; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, the Board of Education is
30 requested to review whether the student representative to the
31 Board of Education should be given voting rights; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education report
34 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
35 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
36 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education.

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